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January 2019



From the Pastors Desk

Dear Friends,

What a month December was! We are at last back in the sanctuary for worship, enjoying the warmth of effective ductwork. Who would have thought ductwork would make such a difference! Actually, it seems rather obvious: the best furnace or air conditioner in the world does no good if the warmth or coolness cannot penetrate the area. What used to take over 24 hours to heat or cool can now be accomplished in a mere hour or two. It's amazing!

The spiritual metaphor here is unmistakable: merely encountering God is not enough for vital faith. More than merely believing God is real, we must allow the Holy Spirit to penetrate the very essence of our beings! The breath of the Holy Spirit must enter every aspect of who we are: our hearts, our thoughts, our daily routines, and even the most extraordinary experiences. God will not force us to allow the Holy Spirit to work in our lives; we must consent to that happening. When we ask God into our life – the entirety of our life – it makes a pervasive difference. In good or difficult situations, we are uplifted and guided, encouraged and supported, in the direction we take and in the moment that steals our breath, God is part of it all. We need that ventilation system blowing through us to give us fullness of life!

Many of you know that December was quite the month for me, personally, as well. On December 12th, Dennis Cebulsky and I were married in a private ceremony by our Deacon, Rev. Jessica Stonecypher! I've been told it was the best kept secret in a long time! I have known Dennis for several years and our paths crossed again a couple of years ago. I am blessed to have someone so supportive of the work and ministry I do. Unfortunately, Dennis found out on December 19th that he has a tear from his esophagus through his windpipe and has been in the hospital in Columbus ever since. He will have a major surgery on December 31st, if all goes well, and will require additional surgery 2-3 months after that. And in between those surgeries, he doesn't get to eat.

From the Pastors Desk cont.

Yes, December has been quite the month! Many people encouraged me, with all that was going on, to “take Sunday off”. You can see how that would make sense, I’m sure. You have probably even been there: “There’s just too much going on! I need a break!” Yet, more than anything, I knew I needed hooked up to the ventilation system of the Holy Spirit. Nothing else could do for me what God does on Sunday mornings. *Nothing*. I entered the church building that Sunday after his hospitalization feeling tired and overwhelmed by life’s circumstances. Mind you my personal devotional life with God was good and I knew God was with me. Still, there was something more that happened as I spent time in the fellowship of believers and in God’s presence. There is something more that happens when we show up to worship God and are reminded of God’s faithfulness. There is something more that happens when we come up for air from our day to day lives and connect with other believers: some of whom are facing their own struggles, some of whom are sympathetic, some of whom are brimming with God’s Spirit. It’s like an anchor that reminds us what holds us in place. Or like a reset button that reframes our perspective for the upcoming week. Or like the breath of the Holy Spirit blowing away the heaviness of the burdens in life and setting us back on our feet, while reminding us that we are not alone and instead are a part of the Body of Christ. How could I have faced Monday without that? Praise God for Sunday morning ductwork!

Although the analogy may seem corny or trite, ultimately, we need God’s Spirit blowing through our lives. And we need that weekly hour to connect with the Body of Christ and worship together for that Holy Spirit to most powerfully blow through our lives. Without that connection, how is the breath of God to blow?

May the Holy Spirit inspire you and revive you as we journey into 2019.

In Christ,

Pastor Joy Wigal

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

work installed and the Sanctuary back together. To complete this project, we still need to replace our Sanctuary AC and the air handler. We anticipate this will cost \$43,905.



As we begin 2019, please continue to pray for our church and consider ear marking some funds monthly for the Capital Fund. So far, we have been able to pay the bills outright without a loan but going into the new year we may need to start considering a loan.

We will continue to have fundraising luncheons and will be looking into additional fundraising opportunities. Please prayerfully consider donating to the Capital Fund.

Thank you and we wish a blessed New Year!!

The Trustees

Zephaniah 3:17 The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.



It's been a wild and bumpy road as we ran into unexpected costs and snags. Originally, we had planned to use the spare carpet tiles left over from when the UMW replaced the carpet 10 years ago but found out that they were already used. So, we regrouped and planned on moving carpet tiles from the chapel to the Sanctuary then replacing the carpet tiles in the chapel with new ones. However, when the contractors tried to pry up the tiles in the chapel, they found that the tiles are held down with a tar-like adhesive that wasn't allowing them to come up ok to use. Now we had to create Plan C. So, Plan C, we have very nice new carpet tiles in the Sanctuary and the ruined chapel tiles have been replaced with ones removed from the Sanctuary.

The carpet issue wasn't the only challenge we've had to face. Early on the contractors brought in a dumpster that was too heavy for our top lot, causing it to collapse in parts. Thankfully the contractors got the lot fixed quickly (and without us having to pay anything towards it). We received one estimate to do high dusting in the Sanctuary for \$18,000!! Thank goodness we also got an estimate for \$8,000 for the same service, but that's still \$8,000 we weren't anticipating.

At this point, we have spent \$56,120 to get the duct-

Servant Schedule



January 6

Floyd & Pat Tolle, Orlen Bates, Jr. & Jim Tignor
 Communion Servants:
 Orlen Bates, Jr., Marsha Kelly,
 Nick & Cindy Howard
 Liturgist: Marsha Kelly

January 13

Susie Dunlap, Nonny Brackman,
 Teresa Felton, Beth Dougherty
 Liturgist: Gail McGreevy

January 20

Donnie & Roberta Covert,
 Nick & Cindy Howard
 Liturgist: Nick Howard

January 27

Randy & Jeri Schreiber,
 Mark & Thea Crawmer
 Liturgist: Barb Wolfe

United Methodist Women

Eventide Circle

There is no meeting for the ladies of Eventide Circle in January.

February 7th we will go out to lunch at Bryan Place. Thea Crawmer will have the devotions.

New Hope Circle

The New Hope Circle will meet after the un-decorating on January 6th.

Thank You

Thank you to all of the congregation for your generosity in donating so many food items for the Head Start Christmas boxes. We were overwhelmed by the amount of food we were able to distribute to each family. We received a beautiful thank you note signed and decorated by each child. The note can be found in the Narthex on the Welcome table.

Matthew 5:16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Taking Down the Christmas Decorations



The New Hope Circle would love some help taking the church Christmas decorations down and packing them away for next year.

Join us, Sunday, January 6, 2019 after the service. We will serve a quick lunch (soup, muffins, dessert and drinks) for all the helpers and then we will get to work! It shouldn't take long if enough people volunteer.

Thanks in advance for your help!

Construction Update

As you know, these last few months our Sanctuary has been under construction. Towards the end of August, we dug up our floor, so we could replace our old collapsed ductwork. Only when we did, we found out that instead of metal ductwork, we had rotted heavy duty cardboard instead. It's quite shocking that we had any heat coming in at all! Ables ordered metal ductwork in September and installed it at the end of October. We then had compacting gravel installed, followed by concrete. Concrete cured for a couple weeks & we were ready for flooring & cleaning.

January Reading/ Book Club Meeting



We will meet Monday, January 28, 2019 at Barb Wolfe's home to discuss the last book of our 2018 Reading Program. Each guest will share their "Reader's Choice" book with the group. The book must be from the Social Action UMW Reading list. Please see Barb if you still need a copy of the list. We will have dinner at 6:00 and then begin the discussion.

Additional Reading Program announcements:

Please submit your Reading Program Reporting Form to Barb ASAP. We will begin our new 2019 book series in early spring. Books, meeting times and dates will be announced soon. If you borrowed any of the books from the UMW library in the church lounge, please return them so others may check them out.

Romans 12:1 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

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Calendar

Tuesday, January 1		
New Year's Day (Happy New Year)		
Church office Closed		
Sunday, January 6		
Sunday School		9:30AM
Worship		10:30AM
Un-Decorate	After Worship	
New Hope Circle	After Un-Decorating	
Tuesday, January 8		
Trustee Meeting		1:00PM
Sunday, January 13		
Sunday School		9:30AM
Worship		10:30AM
Tuesday, January 15		
Finance		6:15PM
Leadership		6:45PM
Sunday, January 20		
Sunday School		9:30AM
Worship (Jessica S. Preaching)		10:30AM
Friday, January 25		
Newsletter Deadline		12:00PM
Baby Shower (Fellowship Hall)		6:00PM
Sunday, January 27		
Sunday School		9:30AM
Worship		10:30AM

Hebrews 10:24-25 And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Prayer List

Mel Adams	Joesy Moore
Wanda Adams	Norman Moore
Jim Boetcher	Bill & Judy Muck
Sherry Brooks	Jeff Paul
Tom Burkhardt	Bob Pitts
John & Kim Cain	Jim Porter
Dan Campbell	Bonnie Reichenbach
Dennis Cebulsky	Scott Reishelbee
Family of Bud Cordell	Linda Renner
Mysti Davis	Richards Family
Shannon Davis	Lori Revercomb
Ernie DeGarmo	Charlie Roberts
Bobby Dudley	Todd Sands
Tony Dukes	Carole Sayre
Janice Farmer Family	Ronald Shaffer
Kathy Ford	Heather Shepherd
Family of Chad Foster	Christie Shirer
Porter Harmon	Shellie Siefert
Family of John Herman	Chris Smith
Jeannita Johnson	Family of Doug Stotts
Kelton Family	Tami Swope
Loretta Kennedy	Holly Thomas
Robbie Mack & Family	John Tignor
John McCain Family	Sharyn & Harold Tucker
Jill McDonald	Clark Watson
Peggy McGee	Family of Cheryl Watt
Bob Mercer	Erin Watts
Don Miller	Jim Watts
Janice Miller	Don West
Paul Mills	Jeff Wheeler
June Mock	Don Wolfe and Family
Janice Moore	Vicky Wolfe
Jerry Moore Sr.	Logan Wolford
Jimmy Moore	Melissa Wood

Faith UMC, our pastor, our government, county, city, and world, our soldiers, the homeless, abused, sick, imprisoned, Head Start, those who have not yet accepted Christ and those who only minimally follow the teachings of Christ.

Faith Medical Shut-ins:
Kathleen McCutcheon and Frances Johnson.